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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Sayre Stevens  
Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : Delivery of Intelligence via Cathode Ray Tube

REFERENCE : Memo to DDCI, dated 3 May 1977, Exec.  
Reg. #77-7492, Subject: Meeting with  
Richard Harden

1. The CIA Presentational Means Steering Panel has been looking into systems, video in particular, which offer promise for enhancing the effectiveness of our product, but it has not yet explored their interconnection.

2. Present data communications do provide for electronic delivery of our finished intelligence texts to CRT's in the White House Situation Room. This could be extended to other locations in the White House. Facsimile links are also in existence and are being upgraded. Completion and extension of SAFE and ADSTAR could ultimately provide for improved transmission of text and for limited transmission of graphics for CRT display. (See the attached chart.)

3. It is technically feasible to provide an integrated system for delivering all types of intelligence to the White House via CRT's. Depending on the complexity of the system, however, it would not be unreasonable to anticipate some practical constraints in the area of security, personnel and equipment costs, and the production of television materials. Interfacing intelligence communications with a White House information system would require the earliest possible coordination with Mr. Harden. Perhaps more important is a clear understanding of the mutual requirements of the President and the DCI.

4. Regarding the question of security, an interconnected computer-based system could enhance security by keeping audit trails of documents. At the same time such a system raises additional security problems.



Sayre Stevens

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Attachment:  
Chart

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## Communications to White House Situation Room

	CRT Systems	Television	Black and White Hard-copy Facsimile	
Text	Currently on-line	Tentative plan 1980 1 2	Currently on-line WASHFAX	On-line FY-78 LASERFAX
Charts and Graphs	(SAFE/ ADSTAR 1980-81) 1			
Maps and Sketches	MARGINAL QUALITY			
Photo- graphs				
Overhead Photo- graphy		MARGINAL	QUALITY	
Film Clips				

1 Would require supporting communications  
2 Currently an unfunded program

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
FROM: Director of Central Intelligence  
SUBJECT: Meeting with Richard Harden

1. Last Friday I had a discussion with Mr. Richard Harden of the White House Staff. He is working on a proposal for a complex automated information flow and data system for the Executive Office of the President and the White House. He envisages our tying into it for such purposes as transmitting information to the Situation Room and others. He will send me a specific proposal that he is working up to present to the President. We will have an opportunity to comment on it.

2. In the meantime, I am interested in whether the group we have that is studying new ways to display and deliver our intelligence product is looking at an interconnected system of computer-driven cathode-ray tubes. Are we considering delivering the PDB, for instance, by direct wire to the cathode-ray tube in the President's office? Is there some big opening here for solving some of our security problems, e.g., nothing need be written down!

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STANSFIELD TURNER  
Admiral, U.S. Navy

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You may wish to convey this to DCI in response to his question to you of 3 May.

The memo has been coordinated with OCR and Ops Center in the DDI, and also with ORD.

You also should be aware that the DCI asked [redacted] (IC Staff), via [redacted], to respond to the same memo. Nate has seen a draft of our response and had no problems with it. Nate will prepare a separate response to the DCI dealing with some Community systems.

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Sayre Stevens  
DDI

Date

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